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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA PRIORITY
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7519
AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO
AMCONSUL SAO PAULO
AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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PANAMA FOR GAO

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 81171, (B) BRASILIA 2708, (C) PANAMA 3198

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES SUBJECT GAO VISIT BUT BELIEVE TEAM CAN
COMPLETE STUDY IN TWO WEEKS AS OUTLINED BELOW.

2. THERE ARE BASICALLY TWO GOB AGENCIES INVOLVED
IN ESTABLISHING AND EXECUTING BRAZIL'S SUGAR POLICY, THE
SUGAR AND ALCOHOL INSTITUTE (IAA) IN RIO DE JANEIRO AND
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN BRASILIA. THE IAA (AFFILIATED WITH
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE) HAS COMPLETE AUTHORITY
OVER DOMESTIC SUGAR POLICY AND IS THE EXCLUSIVE EXPORTER OF
BRAZIL'S SUGAR CROP. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF BRAZIL'S SUGAR POLICY,
PARTICULARLY BRAZIL'S RELATIONS WITH THE ISO AND GEPLACEA.

3. SAO PAULO, ADDED TO GAO TEAM'S BRAZIL ITINERARY BY
REF (C), IS A WORTHWHILE STOP IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT
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SAO PAULO IS NOW BRAZIL'S LARGEST SUGAR PRODUCING
STATE AND HEADQUARTERS FOR BRAZIL'S LARGEST SUGAR
PRODUCER (COPERSUCAR). VISIT TO PRODUCING AREAS COULD
BE ARRANGED IN EITHER SAO PAULO STATE OR RIO DE JANEIRO
STATE, DEPENDING ON GAO TEAM'S NEEDS AND TIME SCHEDULE.

4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, WE SUGGEST THAT GAO TEAM CONSIDER

REDUCING AMOUNT OF TIME PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR BRAZIL
PORTION OF REVIEW BY ONE WEEK. FOLLOWING TIME PERIODS
APPEAR TO US TO BE SUFFICIENT: BRASILIA, TWO DAYS; RIO
DE JANEIRO, FIVE DAYS; SAO PAULO, THREE DAYS. (RIO AND
SAO PAULO PORTIONS COULD BE MODIFIED DEPENDING ON WHERE
TEAM WISHES TO VISIT PRODUCING AREAS.)

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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